



## **Ruffed Grouse Society Washington State Chapter Meeting Notice June 25, 2015**

**WHERE:** Red Lion Hotel, 1 Grady Way So. Renton, WA. Assemble in the bar and move to the alcove meeting room at 7:00 PM.

### **Meeting Agenda:**

- Bethel Springs Habitat Project [June 27 2015 \(click for Directions\)](#) RGS Washington State Chapter Volunteer Habitat Project. A large project needing more volunteers.
- Hunter Education: Field Skills Evaluation [August XX 2015 \(click for planning document\)](#) RGS Washington State Chapter Volunteer Education Project.
- Consider adding the to y[Meeting Schedule \(click for 2015 Meeting Schedule\)](#) our Favorites to view Meeting Notices, Meeting Minutes, Habitat Project Notices/Recap, and Chapter Activity Notices.
- [2016 Washington Sportsmans Show](#), January 27 -31 2016 will need volunteers. Send a note to [WashingtonRGS@outlook.com](mailto:WashingtonRGS@outlook.com) to volunteer for manning the RGS booth(recommended).
- [February XX 2016](#) RGS Washington State Chapter Habitat Banquet; date to be set that considers February 2016 activities.

### **Chapter Activities being considered are:**

- [2015 Summer BBQ, Trap and Skeet Shoot](#): Sunday August 23<sup>th</sup>. Doug Forsythe
- [2015 Chapter Hunt](#): Sept 11-13 at [Fisherman's Cove Resort- Republic WA](#). Bob Olson.

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## Meeting Minutes for June 25 2015 Membership and Business Meeting

Pre-meeting discussions included the Hunter Education Initiative. The three steps are defined on the [Official Hunter Safety Education Course\(click to View\)](#). Passing the on-line course is a requisite for the Field Skills Evaluation, the second of three steps to obtain a permanent Washington Certification Card. The course is both a Hunter Safety Course and a Firearms Safety Course. The Course is required for some and of extreme value to participants that are becoming acquainted or reacquainted with hunting or firearms. The concern is if there are enough participants in the area to fill a class of 10 – 20 students for a 6 hour class and evaluation.

The Meeting started at 7:10 in the Bar area.

The first report was on the June 27 Bethel Spring Habitat Project. Kevin relayed that the USFS coordinators have prepared the site, moved bucks to the site, moved half of the rails to the site, and may be able to stop by on the project day. Currently eight members have signed up, including two from Wenatchee. Trucks to haul bucks and spikes for the rails are needed and are being sourced. Temperatures in the 90's are expected. The fire season is starting a month early and activity restrictions have started.

The 2016 Banquet contract was reviewed for cost and content.

The reasons for placing the [Meeting Schedule \(click for 2015 Meeting Schedule\)](#) in your Favorites ( I E ) was suggested as an easy way to obtain information on RGS Washington State Chapter activities, meeting notices, meeting minutes appended to meeting notices, and the Habitat Banquet.

The suggestion to distribute a survey for the Hunter Education: Field Skills Evaluation was accepted to determine if there is a demand from members and members extended networks for an Evaluation Class. The survey will be distributed in a note with an email address for reply's.

The final issue on the agenda was the [2016 Washington Sportsmen's Show](#), January 27 -31, 2016 Puyallup, WA. RGS Washington State Chapter will participate.